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FROM the SIDELINES

By TAD TARG

THE ROBLEM OF NAMES

Today I intend to "sink my teeth" into yet another problem — the question of New Australian club names.

The question has been raised in the last few months — suggestions have been made that the names be changed to Australian or district names.

Victoria has similar problems.

So, perhaps, let's hear first what they have to say on the subject.

In the official Magazine of the Victorian FA, "The Soccer News", September 12, the editor says i. a.:

"... to be brutally frank about it, district names failed dismally to attract fans in Victoria."

"The clubs with the smallest number of supporters are precisely those with district names".

"It would appear that, at this stage, it is still more practical to draw fans with the use of a name which has a sentimental appeal..."

"We are certain that Footscray Celtics, Moreland Hotspur and Heart of Box Hill — for example — would attract many more supporters for the code than just plain Footscray, Moreland, and Box Hill have accomplished."

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TRADITION

All over the world there are clubs with "foreign" names.

In Switzerland, for instance, there are clubs with English names, like: "Young Boys" and "Young Fellows".

In Chile there are clubs called O'Higgins, Wanderers and Rangers.

There are plenty of names in many countries given to the clubs by the early migrants — Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotsmen mostly — and have since become part of soccer tradition in those countries.

In fact — there are funny sides to the situation.

When it comes to the annual match between O'Higgins and Wanderers the newpapers bill them: "The English meet the Irish once again!"

The players, of course, are "dinkum" Chileans, of mixed Spanish, Indian and Negro stock.

But tradition is tradition.

The foreign names have been retained and it seems to worry no one.

And no one dares to change them.

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APPEASEMENT

If our "New Australian" clubs decide to change their names — it will not be to attract gates.

It will be, to put it bluntly, an appeasement.

I'll elaborate on this statement.

Last Sunday two clubs with "foreign" names, Prague and APIA, played a semi-final match.

The crowd — 11,000!

What two clubs with district names drew such a gate?

None, as yet.

I don't exclude they could in future, provided, they have a quality of football to offer.

So, there's only one, reasonable conclusion:

Big gates have little to do with the name of the club.

Only good football, having a magnetic influence on spectators, will fill the stadiums.

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CHANGE, IF YOU WISH

Change the names, if you wish, but only by attaching a district name to an existing one.

Similarly, attach a glamor name to district names, like Arsenal—Bankstown or Rangers—Gladesville.

But, above all, let the names be a living memento for future generations; a monument to the people who played a tremendous part in establishing and spreading the game of soccer in the post-war years in this country.

Retain the present, traditional names, on both sides.

(See insert P.8)

GOAL OF THE YEAR

BAUMGARTNER'S perfectly executed corner kick which gave Prague a 1—0 victory over APIA in semi-final at Sydney Athletic Field last Sunday. Baumgartner is at far right "steering" the ball into the net. Others in the picture are APIA goalkeeper Trisic (1) and defenders Hawkshaw (3) and Marston (5). No 7 is Prague's right winger Schwartz and obscured is Saghi.

H. KATSER PHOTO

Federation's policy on migrant players vindicated

How interesting was the outcome of the meeting in Melbourne recently between State representatives.

Particularly interesting was the decision to give the Federation's so-called "disqualified" players "permission to play" pending a final decision is made.

Strange, too, is the fact that the Daily Press, which had so much to say during the Hearts tour, have remained completely silent.

You all remember — we were so "un-Australian", not in the tradition of "British sportsmen" and not forgetting our radio "friend" who went so far as to suggest a "boycott of our tourists".

Why are they all so silent now?

Was there some ulterior motive behind it all?

If a decision can be made now to allow the players to play, why could it not have been made during the Hearts tour?

It all goes to prove that the policy of the Federation was a correct one — "that only the strongest team should represent Australia".

And now commonsense has prevailed and we hope that the outcome will be beneficial to soccer throughout Australia.

Prominent South Coast official and for many years a director and chairman of the NSW Soccer Association Ltd., Mr J. Cobden Jones died this week.

Mr Jones was a noted player in his younger day and was a prolific goalscorer.

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Original Hollandia team in 1950: Standing (l to r) — D. Bos (president), G. De Meyer, H. Hamburg, D. Rodenburg, J. Jansen, W. Vrolyks, M. Kronenburg, J. Van Amerongen, J. Blomestein (manager). Kneeling (l to r) — R. Bol, W. De Vries, J. Unie, H. Lakmaker.

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Last week's Robertson Cup matches at Canberra were controlled by Canterbury Association referees W. Sloan and J. Walker.

Referees for the finals will be J. Douglas (Bankstown), R. Piper (Canterbury) and T. Cooper (ACT).

Canberra United Burns played a rugged game to reach the semi-finals, as the club was well down the premiership table.

Hungaria eliminated the favorites, Bohemians.

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Dutchmen celebrate 10th anniversary of club foundation

Ten years ago this month the foundations were laid for what was to become Federation First Division team Sydney Austral.

On September 1, 1949, David Bos got together a group of Dutch football enthusiasts at his restaurant and formed a club known as Hollandia.

The following season the Dutchmen won the Metropolitan League second grade premiership without losing a game.

The team scored 101 goals and had only eight kicked against it.

Dick Roodenburg scored 62 goals.

Promotion followed and Hollandia repeated its success by winning the first grade 1951 premiership.

In 1952, Hollandia joined the Southern League Second Division and changed its name to Sydney Austral.

And yet another premiership came the Dutchmen's way.

Sydney Austral was promoted to State League first grade in 1956 and the next season become a foundation member of the Federation.

Mr Bos, who is a life of Sydney Austral, said this week he thought it an opportune time to pay tribute to all those who had helped form the Federation to improve soccer in Australia.

Mr Bos said that many people associated with the start of Hollandia-Sydney Austral were still acitve in club affairs.

These included committeemen H. Lakmaker and H. Hamburg and player W. Vrolyks.

MR LAKMAKER

He said that the building up of the club over the past 10 years had not been an easy task, but committeemen, managers, trainers and players alike had kept the club together by their strenuous efforts.

Mr Bos had a special word of thanks for "our soccer mother, Tante Elsje," and soccer fans generally.

To celebrate their 10th anniversary Sydney Austral will hold a ball at the New Commodore, Goulburn St., City, on October 4 — the eve of the grand final.

FLOODLIT CARNIVAL

Finals night for the Sydney junior floodlit carnival was last Thursday.

Eight Associations managed to get at least one team through to that stage.

The Carnival has been an outstanding success, and is sure to draw more entries in 1960.

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Prague
Granville
PRAGUE 9—3 (September 16)

Gladesville
Bankstown
McARTHUR PARK, 3 pm September 26

REDFERN OVAL, 1.15 pm October 10

Corrimal
Budapest
BUDAPEST 2—1 (September 16)

Syd. Austral
Neerlandia
ARLINGTON OVAL, 1.15 pm September 26

REDFERN OVAL, 3 pm October 10

Hakoah
Balgownie
HAKOAH—BALGOWNIE 2—2 (September 23)

Auburn
Pan Hellenic
McARTHUR PARK, 1.15 pm September 26

REDFERN OVAL,, 1.15 pm October 11

A.P.I.A.
North Side
APIA 3—2 (September 23)

Canterbury
Concord
ARLINGTON OVAL, 3 pm September 26

REDFERN OVAL, 3 pm October 11

SEMI-FINAL
REDFERN OVAL,, 1.15 pm October 18

SEMI-FINAL
REDFERN OVAL, 3 pm October 18

FINAL — 3 pm
REDFERN OVAL
October 25

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This weekend's Ascot preview

CANTERBURY v CONCORD

Concord won three points from its two competition clashes with Canterbury and Saturday's game should be another very evenly contested game.

The Concord boys are confident of confirming their good form against Canterbury this season, but I think that the "Berries" will turn the tables this time.

The latter fully realise that this is the last chance for them to regain some of their lost prestige.

Canterbury started off the season very well, but folded up after the Costa-Rican and

By L. Gautier

Hearts tours and has never played really well since.

Players like Watkiss, Salisbury, Moore and Ray Neal only shown intermittent form this year and Johnny Watkiss has rarely fulfilled the great promise shown in last year's finals.

Ray Neal was often injured and all told Salisbury was the best forward of the year.

The Canterbury defence was less reliable than in the past, but Curry was as good as ever and clearly established himself as this State's top centre half.

Goalie Max Lemon's outstanding displays and Shuttleworth's rise to fame were some compensation.

Eddie Jones's rise to international standard was Canterbury's brightest spot of an otherwise disappointing season.

Concord have been relegated to Second Division, but face the future with confidence as their amalgamation with Concordia will no doubt bring them back to first class football within two years.

The wooden-spooners must be given credit for always trying to play open football with the odds against them.

Player-coach Ted Hillyard was inspiration to his team-mates.

His coaching has had results, with Don McFarlan blossoming under his tuition.

The same can be said about young Warren, and goalie Hourigan, in spite of injuries, was always solid and displayed great qualities.

Concord have a distinct chance of upsetting their more fancied opponents on Saturday.

Canterbury will be relying on their forwards to upset Concord's efficient full backs Beckett and Ellison and remarkable McFarlan, Foran and evergreen Ted Hillyard.

I feel that the Berries are good enough to beat that defence and ensure the team's entry into the quarter finals.

But I am sure that the Concord forwards, especially O'Connor, Warren and Dingwall, will be flat-out to create disorder in Canterbury's ranks.

GLADESV. v BANKSTOWN

This match offers both teams an excellent chance of making amends for a rather disappointing season, especially for Bankstown, which has had its worst year on record.

The Towns reached rock bottom this year and will need new players if they are to regain some of their former glory.

The team badly needs a new set of forwards to be centred around Englishman Barry Wainwright.

The full backs also need overhauling.

Bobby Madden still rates one of Australia's top centre halves, but he will not last for ever and the club would do well to have a youngster coming along to step into Madden's boots in a couple of years.

Gladesville were rather inconsistent this year, despite the fact that the club has never been richer in talent with stars such as Hough, Prestwell , Pettigrew, Greenfield, Hume and Brown, not to mention young Brian Lewsam, one of the most promising forwards in the competition.

The Villes have one of the best defences, but the forwards have often lost matches they had well in hand.

Gladesville has accounted for every top team and held Prague twice to a draw and this clearly indicates how good they really are when they "click".

The Ascot Thousand draw favors Gladesville so I would not be surprised if they made the last four.

First Gladesville will have to dispose of the ambitious Bankstown, which also hopes to have a good run in the series.

I feel that this weekend's match will be a very evenly contested one as Bankstown's solid type of soccer could offset Gladesville's better all-round ability.

But I am forecasting a win for GLADESVILLE as I feel that this team has a formidable defence, which will prove a stumbling block for Wainwright and his team-mates.

SYD. AUST. v NEERLANDIA

Second Division winners Neerlandia will be making their first appearance against a First Division.

The team will be watched with great interest as it could be a preview of how the team will fare next season.

The general feeling amongst other Second Division clubs is that the team was not the best in the division this year as far as technique and polished play goes, but that its consistency and great spirit kept it at the top.

Bid to build team

Having never seen them play I cannot pass judgement, but have been told by most informative sources that Neerlandia will have to improve on its current team, which includes a few Sydney Austral "discards" if it is to stand any chance in the top grade next season.

This they seem like doing, as a club representative is making contact overseas.

This match will be practically be a "derby" between two Dutch-sponsored teams and will also be a 'needle' match as there is some sporting rivalry between them.

This should help make the game an attractive one, but I must tip SYDNEY AUSTRAL to win, though Neerlandia are, at this stage, an unknown quantity.

Sydney Austral is the team which had such a stirring, and unexpected run of wins which took it to the top in the first round of the competition, but folded up in the second round.

This team will have to make some changes in the forwards next seasons as Vrolyks and Draayer received very little support.

Smit and De Pyper displayed shocking form after remarkable early season matches.

The defence cannot be improved upon as it rates as one of the best in the competition, with De Vries, Stoddart, Evans and Osfield outstanding.

Former Melbourne State representative Cor Mathyssen did not quite fulfil what his tremendous reputation had promised, but he will probably be better adapted next year to the Federation's higher standards.

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We regret that because of the lateness of the advice of change of programme in the Ascot Thousand series, Lou Gautier was not able to review the Auburn—Pan Hellenic clash.

Concordia to play Vic. team

Federation Second Division Club Concordia and Melbourne Metropolitan League club Richmond have arranged to play annual matches, alternately in Sydney and Melbourne.

The Metropolitan League is the equivalent of the Federation's Second Division.

The first match will be played in Sydney on October 18, probably at Arlington Oval.

Concordia club supporters will billet visiting players in in their homes.

The club also will stage a ball in honor of the Melbourne boys.

The Concordia club and the German language weekly newspaper, The Week in Australia, have donated trophies for the interstate series.

The object of the matches is to try to strengthen interstate soccer ties an to help build the game throughout Australia.

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SPECTACULAR FINAL TIPPED

APIA v HAKOAH

One could not have wished for a more sepctacular final, as both teams can produce good soccer, which should provide an unforgettable afternoon of top-flight football.

The Blues fully deserved their win, though their football, except for 10 minutes in the second half, never reached a very high standard.

FEATURES

Outstanding features of Hakoah's fine semi-final win were, Hrncir's active part in every goal and promising display, the full backs' efficient stopper tactics and Aird's great attacking moves, reserve goalie Littlemore's courageous goalkeeping, and Frank Hearn's return to form after a spell in the reserves.

Hakoah will find APIA a very difficult opponent to handle on Sunday and I feel that the rather small Arlington Oval playing area will hinder them.

The team will once again rely on their excellent defence, and Billy Walsh will certainly have his hands full with burly Albert de Paoli, who was completely smothered by hard-hitting Kev O'Neill last week.

I feel that the full backs and centre half are strong enough to subdue Voros, a thoughtless winger, Bottalico, still lacking practice, and De Paoli, who relies far too much on sheer strength.

The big question, of course, is whether Hakoah's newly-formed half-line of Schussig and Kearns can keep up a strong front to the elusive Turella, and, above all, to brilliant Joe Vasvary, APIA's spearhead in attacking play.

If Kearns and utility player Heinz Schussig can bottle up the majority of APIA's forwards, than I concede their team a good chance of creating a big upset and qualifying for the grand final.

APIA have proved themselves the most progressive club in Australia.

In three years they have become a formidable force in NSW soccer and enjoy great public support.

APIA also will have their third team playing in Sunday's final and must be commended on being the only club, this season, to have all its teams in the finals and, though the reserves were eliminated by Hakoah last week, APIA rates as the season's unofficial "club champion" — which includes final placings in all three grades.

The Maroons will field their now famous defence, the best in Sydney soccer, and once again on Marston, will rest much of the responsibility of keeping the Hakoah forwards at bay.

Last Sunday's semi-final was spoilt as a spectacle because of the shocking conditions.

Neither Prague nor APIA could settle down to their normal crowd-pleasing soccer.

FREAK KICK

The match was only interesting because of its closeness, being anybody's match till the last three minutes when Baumgartner scored a freak direct corner kick.

APIA's forward line never functioned smoothly, all members of the attack being overanxious or too cautions in their approach work.

Hakoah will be flat out to show the public that they are worthy of the grand final and as they will definitely be the underdogs on Sunday they could play with much more relaxation than their rivals, who have to defend their prestige.

This will be a strain on APIA, but I feel that the Leichhardt team will be stronger all round and that it should meet Prague in what will be a sensational grand final.

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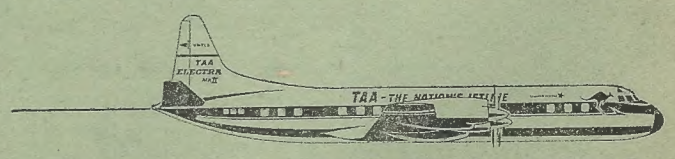

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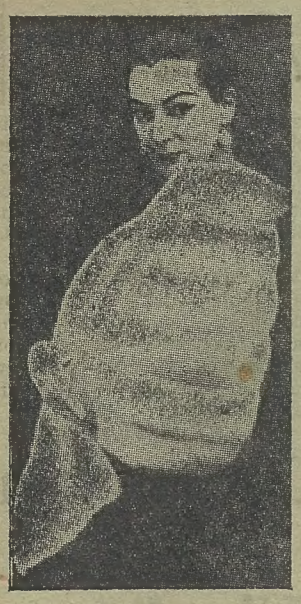

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Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

First Grade

(Corrected Final Table)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Prague	26	21	2	3	109	44	45
APIA	26	19	3	4	72	33	42
Corrimal	26	16	6	4	66	51	36
Hakoah	26	13	8	5	54	42	31
Canterb.	26	13	10	3	56	45	29
Auburn	26	10	10	6	70	63	26
Nth. Side	26	9	9	8	50	49	26
Gladesv.*	26	9	6	11	49	34	25
Syd. Aust.	26	9	12	5	39	52	23
Granv.	26	7	11	8	59	62	22
Budapest	26	7	14	5	61	86	19
Bankst.	26	5	16	5	39	80	15
Balgown.	26	4	17	5	37	65	13
Concord	26	2	20	4	34	89	8

*Four penalty points deducted

SECOND DIVISION

First Grade

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Neer'dia	26	20	4	2	98	45	42
P. Hellenic	26	17	4	5	88	39	39
St. George	26	18	6	2	89	34	38
Concordia	26	17	6	3	79	38	37
Blackt.	26	12	7	7	53	43	31
Corinth.	26	12	8	6	65	38	30
Dalmatin.	26	10	7	9	46	39	29
Julia	26	10	12	4	45	53	24
Sutherl.	26	10	14	2	72	74	22
Polonia	26	7	14	5	46	63	19
W. Eagles	26	7	15	4	46	77	18
Lidcombe	26	5	16	5	38	100	15
Undercl.	26	4	16	6	39	110	14
Fairfield	26	1	21	4	31	105	6

Reserve grade

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Neer'dia	26	20	—	6	109	41	46
St. George	26	20	4	2	116	43	42
Corinth.	26	15	7	4	80	36	34
Sutherl.	26	15	7	4	83	51	34
Concordia	26	15	8	3	68	54	33
Fairfield	26	12	10	4	54	49	28
Polonia	26	10	9	7	46	51	27
P. Hellenic	26	8	12	6	71	68	22
Lidcombe	26	9	13	4	64	62	22
Julia	26	5	12	9	34	76	19
W. Eagles	26	7	15	4	48	68	18
Blackt.	26	6	15	5	27	55	17
Dalmatin.	26	7	16	3	33	74	17
Undercl.	26	2	22	2	25	132	6

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M. TRISIC

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L. STEDMAN

3 Left back
R. HAWKSHAW

4 Right half
G. CINAT

5 Centre half
J. MARSTON

6 Left half
G. ALOCCA

8 Inside right
J. VASVARY

10 Inside left
P. TURELLA

7 Outside right
J. VOROS

9 Centre forward
A. De PAOLI

11 Outside left
F. BOTTALICO

—O—

P. HRNCIR
11 Outside left

R. BURGOYNE
9 Centre forward

A. LEVINSON
7 Outside right

W. WESELY
10 Inside left

F. HEARN
8 Inside right

H. SCHUSSIG
6 Left half

W. WALSH
5 Centre half

R. KEARNS
4 Right half

J. AIRD
3 Left back

H. STRAHM
2 Right back

C. LITTLEMORE
1 Goal

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HAKOAH

Early matches

Reserve Grade

1.15 AUBURN—HAKOAH

Third Grade

11.45 CANTERB. v GLADESV.

CANTERBURY

Third Grade

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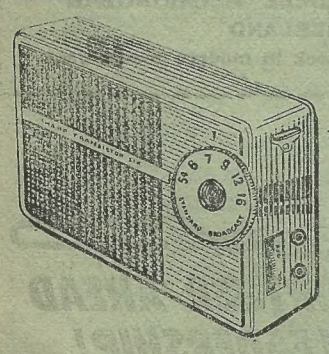

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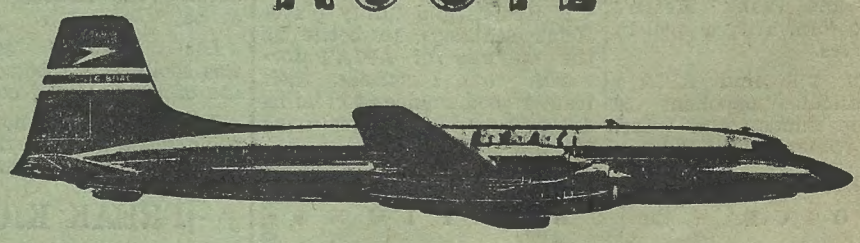

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NEERLANDIA

Reserves: A. Staveley and P. Smit.

1 Goal
R. KELLY

2 Right back
M.'s-GRAVENMADE

3 Left back
J. DE BOER

4 Right half
J. van der WERK

5 Centre half
L. van HAREN

6 Left half
L. HLAWA

8 Inside right
P. LANGELAAR

10 Inside left
W. BLACK

7 Outside right
D. van der HEIDE

9 Centre forward
J. COLLIER

11 Outside left
W. van BEEK

O

A. SMIT
11 Outside left

K. FAIRBURN
9 Centre forward

J. DE PYPER
7 Outside right

W. DRAYER
10 Inside left

W. VROLYKS
8 Inside right

J. ROOZENDAAL
6 Left half

J. ESSER
5 Centre half

E. OSFIELD
4 Right half

T. BECKWITH
3 Left back

E. STODDART
2 Right back

G. DE VRIES
1 Goal

(Red, white & blue, white shorts)

SYDNEY AUSTRAL

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY

GRAND FINALS

SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD

3 pm **PRAGUE v APIA or HAKOAH**

1.15 CANTERBURY v AUBURN or HAKOAH (second grade)

11.45 APIA v CANTERBURY or GLADESVILLE (3rd grade)

Ascot '1000'

Quarter finals will be played on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, on Redfern Oval.

Semi finals are scheduled for Redfern Oval on Sunday, October 18.

Finals and play-off for third and fourth will be held at Redfern, Sunday, October 25.

BUILD SOCCER
SMOKE ASCOT

Canterbury v. Concord

CANTERBURY

(Royal Blue, gold trim., white shorts)

1 Goal
M. LEMON

2 Right back
T. NORTH

3 Left back
T. JONES

4 Right half
. SHUTTLEWORTH

5 Centre half
J. CURRY

6 Left half
D. STOCKS

8 Inside Right
J. MOORE

10 Inside left
R. NEAL

7 Outside right
B. MORRIS

9 Centre forward
J. WATKISS

11 Outside left
B. SALISBURY

O

J. GIBSON
11 Outside left

K. DINGWALL
9 Centre forward

R. WARREN
7 Outside right

T. O'CONNOR
10 Inside left

K. BARNETT
8 Inside right

E. HILLYARD
6 Left half

D. MacFARLAN
5 Centre half

P. FORAN
4 Right half

C. ELLISON
3 Left back

K. BECKETT
2 Right back

A. HOURIGAN
1 Goal

(White, black trims., black shorts, white stripe)

CONCORD

MAC ARTHUR PARK

Auburn v. Pan Hellenic

AUBURN

(Green and white, white shorts)

1 Goal
W. HENDERSON

2 Right back
P. WALLACE

3 Left back
B. SMITH

4 Right half
F. DAYNEY

5 Centre half
R. DUFF

6 Left half
A. HENDERSON

8 Inside right
R. HALL

10 Inside left
L. QUESTED

7 Outside right
B. MORROW

9 Centre forward
A. BILBEY

11 Outside left
H. HICKS

O

M. MASTOVASILIS
11 Outside left

T. GALANOS
9 Centre forward

K. KARANIKOLAS
7 Outside right

L. THEOFANOS
10 Inside left

A. KOCSIS
8 Inside Right

K. OMIROUS
6 Left half

M. MICHAYLIDIS
5 Centre half

A. KAJZEREK
4 Right half

H. EPITROPAKIS
3 Left back

T. TRIADIS
2 Right back

J. ARAPOGLOU
1 Goal

(Yellow shirts, black shorts, yellow and white socks)

PAN HELLENIC

LAST WEEK

FIRST DIVISION

Hakoah-Corrimal	4:2
Prague—APIA	1:0

RESERVE GRADE

Canterbury—Auburn	2:0
Hakoah—APIA	2:1

THIRD GRADE

APIA—Canterbury	4:3
Gladesville—Granville	3:1

SECOND DIVISION

Postponed competition game
(No reserve game)

Blacktown—P. Hellenic	5:6

FEDERATION SOCCER

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Saturday mornings in WESTINGHOUSE WORLD OF SPORT

Gladesville v. Bankstown

GLADESVILLE

(Amber, black trim, black shorts)

1 Goal
K. HOUGH

2 Right back
J. PRETSWELL

3 Left back
R. McLELLAND

4 Right half
D. WORT

5 Centre half
J. PETTIGREW

6 Left half
B. GREENFIELD

8 Inside right
W. HUME

10 Inside left
J. BROWN

7 Outside right
B. LEWISHAM

9 Centre forward
R. BELLAMY

11 Outside left
H. ROBERTSON

O

I. BROWN
11 Outside left

B. WAINWRIGHT
9 Centre forward

B. SMITH
7 Outside right

W. BARCLAY
10 Inside left

P. GOSS
8 Inside right

K. WOODS
6 Left half

R. MADDEN
5 Centre half

W. WESTWATER
4 Right half

W. HOLLAND
3 Left back

C. BOWLEY
2 Right back

J. IRVINE
1 Goal

(Green shirts, white shorts, green and white socks)

BANKSTOWN

Northern League Final preview

SUNDAY'S TEAMS

CRYSTAL PALACE, WALL SEND

WALLSEND

1 Goal
R. CAIRNS

2 Right back
D. MORROW

3 Left back
K. NOLAN

4 Right half
J. O'BRIEN

5 Centre half
G. ARTHUR

6 Left half
W. PADDOCKS

8 Inside right
R. FRAME

10 Inside left
G. GREEN

7 Outside right
J. MORROW

9 Centre forward
W. COLLINS

11 Outside left
J. PEEL

—O—

D. NEWTON
11 Outside left

T. COATES
9 Centre forward

W. GREEN
7 Outside right

C. ATKINSON
10 Inside left

J. FOSTER
8 Inside right

A. UNDERWOOD
6 Left half

R. COOPER
5 Centre half

N. MADDISON
4 Right half

K. GRANT
3 Left back

A. WILSON
2 Right back

R. MARTIN
1 Goal

WEST WALLSEND

BY MYLES HAY

West Wallsend proved to good for Awaba in the replay of the Northern League semi-final, and now go forward to meet Wallsend in the final at Crystal Palace, Wallsend, on Sunday.

The scene is certainly set for a torrid struggle in this local "derby" between these old rivals.

West Wallsend deservedly beat Awaba 4—2 in the replay at Adamstown Sports Ground last Saturday, yet at one stage Awaba were an "odds on" chance for entering the final.

Playing with a strong breeze in the first half, Westy could only gain a 2—1 lead at the interval, and when Awaba equalised in the 67th minute after having all the play, West Wallsend had faded out of the picture altogether as an attacking force.

However, the Awaba defenders became over-confident, joined in the onslaught on the West Wallsend goal, leaving their opponent's dangerous forwards uncovered, and immediately Tom Coates took advantage of grand work by Charlie Atkinson and Keith Grant to score his third goal.

Moments later, an indirect free kick was awarded to Awaba inside the Westy penalty area, and it was an extraordinary sight indeed to see the entire Westy team place itself along the goalline to stop Atkinson's attempt.

Although the ball ranged around the goalmouth for quite a spell, the Awaba forwards just lacked the necessary punch at this all-important period.

West Wallsend clinched their victory, with a brilliant solo effort by representative forward Jack Foster just before the final whistle.

Now the big question is can West Wallsend lower the colors of the formidable Wallsend XI?

In previous meetings this season, Wallsend gained an easy 4—1 win at Crystal Palace.

But on this occasion, West Wallsend had been involved in a gruelling struggle against Awaba in the Daniels Cup semi-final the previous day.

In the return match late in August at Johnson Park, West Wallsend could so easily have won a hard fought drawn encounter.

Form inconsistent

At the season's opening, Wallsend beat their opponents 5—2 in the final of the Ampol Tournament under floodlights.

West Wallsend have been an inconsistent side this season, although their tally of 85 goals was the best in the North.

But their defence lost an average of almost two goals per game.

Injuries have give their selectors severe headaches in the past few months, most of the forward line missing matches, and Arthur Wilson, who has developed into a sturdy defender in his first full season as a first grader, also had a compulsory lay-off through injury.

The goalkeeper position has been one of the team's main problems.

Since the retirement of Dave Bone, the last line of defence has been shared by youngsters Ron Kimber and Bob Martin, and at times their inexperience has cost goals.

However, Martin has shown promising form in recent weeks, becoming the regular first team goalkeeper.

Full backs Arthur Wilson and Keith Grand are a fine pair of defenders, although most soccer followers disagree with the West Wallsend selectors that left back is the proper place for skipper Keith Grant.

The half back line of Noel Maddison, Dougie Cooper and Tony Underwood compares favorably with any other in the North, and wingers Warren Green and Don Newtown are always full of tricks.

Green's clever interchanging with Jack Foster, inside right, has been feature of Westy's displays this season.

Foster and Charlie Atkinson are ideal inside forwards, both adept at snapping up goal-scoring opportunities, as well as doing the fetching and carrying for their wingers and centre forward.

"Poaching" knack

Atkinson has that happy knack of "poaching", invariably popping up to notch that simple-looking goal through his excellent positional sense.

Centre forward Tom Coates is something of a problem in the side.

A solidly built player with a keen football brain, and power-laden shots in either foot, but spoiled somewhat by his apparent lack of interest on occasions.

Hovewer, as his hat-trick against Awaba last week shows, he is a dangerous forward to leave with even half a chance.

Wallsend will field their regular powerful combination.

Goalkeeper Bob Cairns, with his tigerish attempts to save his goal, has become one of the biggest crowdpleasers this season, although his dare-devil efforts have often resulted in injury.

Right back Dave Morrow, brother of Auburn's Bruce, and a member of a great footballing family, has given Wallsend good service in a variety of positions in recent seasons.

He now has settled down at full back and Westy left winger Don Newton will find it difficult to forge a way past this able defender.

Left back Kevin Nolan, one of the finds of this season, will be remembered for his brilliant display againt Leo Baumgartner and company early this season under floodlights at Wallsend.

This young player has continued to improve under the astute coaching of former star Artie Quill and field instructions from yeteran captain George Arthur.

Wing halves Jack O'Brien and Bill Paddocks are probably the best club half backs in Newcastle as a pair.

The capture of Paddocks from Cardiff at the beginning of the season was a grand stroke of business.

Centre half George Arthur is a most consistent "stopper", and his jousts with the burly Tom Coates will be eagerly awaited by what should be a near-record crowd.

Wingers Johnny Morrow, another of the Morrow family, and Jack Peel are each capable of bursting through any defence in individual efforts, both being opportunists of top calibre.

Inside right Bob Frame has been playing with Wallsend for a number of years, and his silky touches gives the side a touch of class so lacking in most Newcastle teams this season.

Centre forward Bill Collins, always ready to let loose with his bullet like drives, may not always be on the target, but on occasion this bustling centre has shown his brilliant opportunism with amazing goals.

At inside left Gary Green, a youngster who was brought into the top grade side as a left half, but has now made the inside forward position his own is a player with a bright future.

Place filled

The departure of Paulo Turrella to Sydney APIA left a gap in the Wallsend team which Green has filled admirably.

Wallsend appears the stronger combination, but in needle matches of this type, the record book can be thrown away.

Often dependable defenders become over-anxious and forwards miss chances that they would normally accept with alacrity.

LAST WEEKEND

Semi-final Replay: West Wallsend 4 (T. Coates 2, J. Foster) defeated Awaba 2 (B. Winterbine, D. Field).

Reserve grade final: Adamstown 2 (L. Taylor, G. Myers own goal) defeated Wallsend 0.

J. "Jumbo" Allanson testimonial match: Charlestown U. 3 (B. Burgess, E. Griffiths, K. Knight) defeated Yallourn (Vic.) 2 (E. Bathgate 2).

Junior Cup finals in Canberra

Final matches of the 1959 junior season will be played this weekend.

In Canberra, the Robertson Cup finals will be played at Manuka Oval.

On Saturday, Sydney teams Granville All Stars and Gladesville will meet, and the Canberra teams Hungaria and Canberra United Burns.

The final will be played at 3 pm Sunday, with the losers of the semi-finals playing off for third place.

Gladesville had a shock win over Hurlstone Park, last year's runners-up, at MacArthur Park last Sunday.

Hurlstone Park led 1—0 with four minutes left for play.

Gladesville equalised and scored again in extra time.

The strong All Stars side were not extended to defeat Cardiff.

INTERSTATE POLICE GAME

Victorian and New South Wales police teams will meet in the first police interstate soccer match to be held in this State on Tuesday, October 6, at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

The match will be the third in the series between the two teams.

The first game was arranged on neutral territory with the co-operation of Canberra police, and last year was played at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

NSW Police fielded two teams this season in the Public Service mid-week Domain competition and were narrowly defeated in the final by Customs.

The NSW team to meet Victoria includes some names well known to Sydney soccer fans — Les Linder, George Edmonds, Billy Black and Ray Hinks.

The interstate game begins at 3 pm and no charge will be made for admission.

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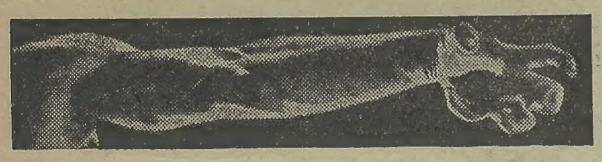

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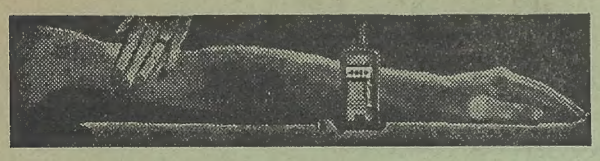

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Victorian News and Views

From L. K. STONE

The exemplary display given by Box Hill last weekend in beating Geelong 3—0 brought home more vividly than ever that the Hillmen are a worthy State League side.

Bad luck for Geelong — they will be relegated with the knowledge that they are much stronger than anything they will encounter in the lower division, provided they can keep their present side.

Players like Gennari, Zavatier, Wyndt and Vanderberg can hold their own in any company and no doubt other State League clubs are already casting a eye in their direction.

Box Hill's scorers in this vital relegation battle were Kenny (2) and Huygden.

Champions Wilhelmina, with nothing at stake, disappointed by fielding almost their complete reserve side against Juventus and promptly lost 5—1 on an almost waterlogged playing arena at Port Melbourne.

The result never appeared in doubt.

In fact it soon became a question of how many goals the brainy Italians would score.

The match was highlighted with a grand display by Tomblin, who scored three goals and a lastminute wrestling duel between excitable Juventus State pivot Frangioni and Wilhelmina reserve centre forward Steffels.

Footscray drew 1—1 with JUST in atrocious conditions and saved themselves from relegation.

Dona, the Footscray inside forward, missed several easy chances to win this vital match for the Coffee Drinkers.

More cohesion

Nevertheless, JUST showed more cohesion in their play and seemed to be content with taking away a point from Henry Turner Reserve, Footscray's home ground.

Bleak winds, driving rain and puddles on the magnificent Olympic Park playing field did not stop George Cross and Polonia from playing good football.

George Cross won 1—0, with a goal by MacVain, scored in the very first minute of the match.

Although no more goals resulted, both teams were always dangerous and looked exactly what they are — two fast and clever sides.

Parlatoni, of Polonia, gave a masterly display and on current form, I rate him together with Barker, of Hakoah, as the greatest centre halfback in Victoria at present.

Bottom of the ladder Yarra Park were unable to field a team and Slavia claim the points.

This would have been the Greeks last appearance in the State League.

The Hakoah-Moreland match was cancelled by referee Pedler owing to the unplayable conditions at the waterlogged Middle Park.

COMPETITION TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Wilhelm.	22	17	3	2	86	40	36
George C.	22	14	3	5	57	26	33
Juventus	22	14	4	4	49	22	32
Hakoah	21	14	5	2	49	27	30
Slavia	21	11	5	6	49	28	27
Polonia	22	8	7	7	37	31	23
Moreland	21	8	11	2	54	38	18
JUST	22	6	10	6	50	44	18
Box Hill	22	6	13	3	24	53	15
Footscray	22	3	12	7	31	65	13
Geelong	22	3	14	5	28	55	11
Yarra Pk	21	1	18	2	27	112	4

MELB. METROP. SOUTH

Melb. HSC	16	15	—	1	91	19	31
Richmond	16	12	3	1	67	17	25
Yallourn	17	12	4	1	63	35	25
Sth. Melb.	17	11	4	2	47	24	24
Brighton	17	9	6	2	39	30	20
Danden.	16	7	8	1	51	46	15
Sth. Yarra	17	4	12	1	26	51	9
Prahran	18	3	13	2	22	71	8
Pk. Rang.	17	3	14	—	27	83	6
Vic. Pol.	17	1	13	3	21	79	5

MELB. METROP. NORTH

Preston	18	14	2	2	62	19	30
Croatia	17	13	2	2	78	21	28
Hayduk	17	13	3	1	65	16	27
Sunsh. C.	18	9	8	1	35	32	19
Sicilia	18	7	8	3	44	32	17
Maccabi	18	7	9	2	35	47	16
Corio	18	7	10	1	33	41	15
Coburg	18	5	9	4	30	38	14
Hellenic	18	5	11	2	31	41	12
Brunsw.	18	—	18	—	—	135	—

Letters to the Editor

Referees know their job

It is pleasing to note that soccer fans are beginning to appreciate, for a change, that there are some good referees in evidence to control football games, notwithstanding the fact that a recent item in one of our daily newspapers mentioned that imported players know more about the Laws of the Game than our referees.

This is not so as far as senior referees are concerned.

They know their laws, and are also aware that the players sometimes try to beat them by insisting that back in the Old Country trhee players were never permitted to stand in front of a goalkeeper in possession of the ball; that a player may play without footwear; that the taker of a penalty kick cannot play the ball a second time on the rebound from a goalie; that a captain may send off one of his own players; that the ball is in play when the whistle is blown etc.

Interpretation

The controversial offside law is correctly interpreted here, the same as in any other part of the world, and we have to go a long way anywhere to find two arbiters rendering the same meaning to "hands", the advantage rule, or to what constitutes ingentlemanly conduct.

Up to the present there has not been a single protest to do with the interpretation of the Laws of the Game and this speaks well for the referees.

Soccer, wherever it is played, has its interpretation problems, and, although FIFA has done a tremendous amount of work in unifying the Laws of the Game, the interpretations laid upon them differs here and there.

This is something that must always be the concern of those charged with the local affairs of football.

Experience

Referees, like any other persons, learn by experience and the local referees organisation is doing it's utmost to improve the qualities of it's members.

Followers of the game should realise that since the amalgamation of the two former Soccer Referees Associations into the NSW Soccer Referees, Sydney Branch, at the begining of this season, membership has been maintained at approximately 110 members, and it is not an easy task to lecture, examine, field test and classify everyone within a few months.

This is why a program is afoot to hold a series of concentrated lectures and instructions, at the conclusion of which a test will be conducted to determine the persons most suited to this arduous task.

Of course, the much mooted neutral Examination Board would be the answer to higher standard of soccer refereeing, but as Longfellow once said, "All things come to him who will but wait."

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Sydney.

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Record crowd at Federation Final

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Despite all the adverse publicity given soccer in general and the Federation administration, in particular, a record crowd turned up at Sydney Athletic Field last Sunday for the Prague —APIA semi-final.

The crowd of 10,600 cash customers was a record for Sydney club games.

Sixteen of the 22 players on the field were migrants.

This was rather a jolt for the critics wo have taken everv opportunity to belittle soccer and the Federation.

Many stories which found their way into print were outstanding for their sensationalism rather than factual reporting.

For instance, an individual "copping" a black eye between playing field and dressing room, appealed more to some writers than the skill of a "move" on the field of play.

New Australians have come in for a fair share of abuse in this type of soccer reporting.

At the start of this season we predicted that all soccer records would be broken this year.

As a reason for this we stated that our paper reaches the homes of thousands of readers, conveying a soccer message to them while inviting them to visit our soccer grounds and participate in the thrills of this great game.

Well, we dont think we have boasted unduly.

We have endeavoured to give a true picture of soccer in this State, as our paper is read not only throughout Australia, but also in New Zealand, Great Britain and most Euoropean countries.

By this means we hope to convey the progress or otherwise of soccer in New South Wales.

A Rugby League semi-final — Manly and Newtown — drew just over 8000 people, and a Rugby Union grand final drew 10,460 fans.

Compare these figures with soccer's 10,600 who sat in bittery cold conditions without protection from the elements, then judge for yourself if soccer in New South Wales is marking progress.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ENGLAND

First Division: Birmingham C 3, Leicester C 4; Blackburn Rovers 1, Arsenal 1; Blackpool 3, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Bolton Wanderers 3, Fulham 2; Chelsea 2, West Ham U 4; Everton 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Luton T 1, Nottingham Forest 0; Manchester C 3, Manchester U 0; Newcastle U 1, Burnley 3; Tottenham Hotspur 5, Preston North End 1; West Bromwich Albion 3, Leeds U 0.

Second Div.: Brighton and Hove Albion 2, Plymouth Argyle 2; Bristol Rovers 2, Portsmouth 0; Cardiff C 1, Liverpool 2; Huddersfield T 0, Aston Villa 1; Hull C 0, Scunthorpe U 2; Ipswich T 6, Sunderland 1; Leyton Orient 4, Lincoln C 0; Middlesbrough 3, Charlton A 0; Sheffield U 5, Bristol C 2; Swansea T 2, Stoke C 2.

Third Div.: Barnsley 1, Halifax T 2; Bradford C 4, Accrington Stanley 5; Converty C 1, Newport Co. 1; Grimsby T 1, Tranmere Rovers 1; Fort Vale 3, Brentford 1; Queen's Park Rangers 3, Bournemouth 0; Reading 4, Southend U 1; Shrewsbury T 4, Colchester U 1; Southampton 5, Mansfield T 2; Swindon T 1, Burv 0; Wrexham 1, Norwich C 2; York C 1, Chesterfield 0; Brentford 1, Halifax Town 1.

Fourth Div.: Carlisle U 1, Watford 0; Crewe Alexandra 1, Crystal Palace 1; Doncaster Rovers 2, Rochdale 1; Gillingham 3, Chester 1; Hartlepools Aldershof 0; Northampton T 2, Gateshead 0; Notts Co. 3, Exeter C 0; Southport 1, Barrow 0; Torquay U 1, Darlington 2; Walsall 3, Stockport Co. 1; Working T 2, Oldham A 0; Rochdale 4, Barrow 1; Walsall 1, Darlington 0.

SCOTLAND

First Div.: Aberdeen 5, Partick Thistle 2; Arbroath 1, Airdrieonians 1; Clyde 1, Dundee 1; Hearts 3, Dunfermline A 1; Kilmarnock 2, Stirling Albion 0; Motherwell 1, St. Mirren 4; Raith Rovers 0, Celtic 3; Rangers 0, Ayr U 3; Third Lanark 5, Hibernian 3.

Second Div.: Albion Rovers 1, East Fife 1; Alloa A 5, Forfar A 1; Cowdenbeath 3, Hamilton Academicals 2; Dumbarton 0, Berwick Rangers 4; Dundee U 2, Stanraer 1; Falkirk 1, Brechin C 3; Montrose 5, East Stirling 0; Morton 2, Queen's Park 3; Queen of the South 1, St. Johnstone 2.

IRELAND

City Cup: Bangor 0, Linfield 2; Cliftonville 0, Ards 2; Derry C 2, Crusaders 2; Distillery 3, Coleraine 1; Glentoran 1, Glenavon 4; Portadown 2, Ballymena U 3.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Czechoslovakia "B" v Russia "B" 3:2; Finland v East Germany 3:2; Argentina v Brasil 1:1.

Olympic Qualif. Rounds: Norway v Denmark 2:4; National China v Thailand 3:1 and 3:1; Bulgaria v Russia 1:0.

EUROPEAN CUP

Jeunesse Esch v LKS Lodz 5:0; Wiener SK v Petrolul Ploesti 0:0; Linfield Belfast v IFK Goteburg 2:1; Red Star Bratislava v FC Porto 2:1; Olympiakos Athen v Milan 2:2; Fenerbace Istambul v Csepel Budapest 1:1; CDNA Sofia v FC Barcelona 2:2.

MITROPA CUP FINAL

Honved Budapest v MTK Budapest 2:2 (Honved became champion through their first leg victory over MTK 4:3).

INTERNATIONAL CLUB MATCHES

FC Genoa v AC Madrid 0:3; Roma v FC Vienna 2:1; Juventus Turin v Stade Reims 5:2; Internationale v Racing Paris 2:2; AS Roma v AC Madrid 1:2; Irish League v Scottish League 1:4; Hamburg SV v Real Madrid 2:3.

ANDY BURTON ALL SMILES

Iwatched Andy BURTON during Prague—APIA semi-final.

He stood out there, near the fence, in the wind and dust and, all smiles.

I don't think HE was worried by the names of the clubs; he could see beyond that.

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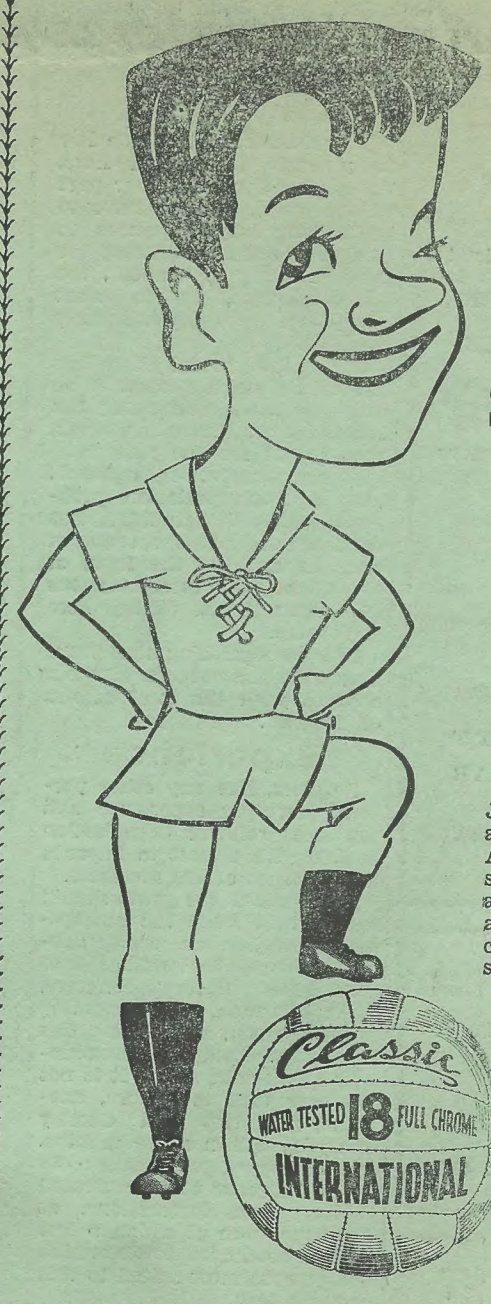

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